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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Specification as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~.

Page 8, paragraph [0038]:

According to the present invention, the hydrolysis produces sponge proteins having a molecular weight of less than 5,000 and the yield is appropriately 100%. The concentration of sponge proteins in the hydrolysate is 1 to 30% by weight, and coloring is extremely light. The protein component of the hydrolysate is rich in amino acids such as glycine, aspartic acid, glutamic acid and arginine as shown in the results of the analysis in ~~Table 4~~Table 2 below.